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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL - JUNE 6

1. GATT COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6 WILL HAVE FOLLOWING
AGENDA:

A. NORWAY - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM
HONG KONG (C/M/125, L/4671)

B. CANADA - WITHDRAWAL OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS UNDER
ARTICLE XXVIII:3 (C/M/125)

C. EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEMES (C/M/123, 124,
125)

D. URUGUAY - SURCHARGES -- REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
WAIVER (C/M/125, L/4672, C/W/303)

E. SECRETARIAT STUDY ON ARTICLE XIX (C/M/124, 125)

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F. ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION (L/4665).

2. ITEM B, WHICH IS THE EC COMPLAINT AGAINST CANADA FOR
THE WITHDRAWAL OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS STEMMING FROM THE
EC'S CHANGE FROM SPECIFIC TO AD VALOREM RATES ON ZINC,
WAS PUT ON AGENDA AT LAST MINUTE BY EC. PANEL REPORT ON

THIS ITEM WAS ADOPTED AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING (C/M/125).
EC EVIDENTLY BELIEVES THAT CANADA IS MAKING AN ERRONEOUS
INTERPRETATION OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THAT REPORT WHICH
STATES:

"IN THE INTEREST OF MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE
GENERAL LEVEL OF CONCESSIONS THE PANEL FINDS THAT THE
CANADIAN RETALIATORY ACTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN; I.E. THAT
THE PREVIOUS CANADIAN TARIFF BINDINGS SHOULD BE
RE-ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS THE CDMUNITY PROCEEDS EITHER
TO DECREASE THEIR TARIFF ON ZINC OR TO MAKE TARIFF CON-
CESSIONS ON OTHER PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO
CANADA OF AN EQUIVALENT VALUE."

CANADIANS SAY THAT THE EC MUST REDUCE ITS RATE ON ZINC
OR OFFER COMPENSATION BEFORE THE CANADIANS RESTORE THE
CONCESSIONS THAT THEY HAD WITHDRAWN. EC DISAGREES WITH
THIS INTERPRETATION AND WILL RAISE MATTER IN COUNCIL.
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